

Ward 4/7 NPA Meeting
Wednesday, November 28, 2018
130 Gosse Court, Miller Center

Start Time: 7:00 PM

End Time: 9:00 PM

Draft: Minutes

Steering Committee Members Present:

Jim Holway, Loaldo Dr., 865-44711238 Linda Deliduka, Village Grn. 864-5114
Jeff Clark, Cumberland Rd., 734-0993 Chris Trombly, Sandy Ln., 238-1158
Eric Corbman, Northshore Dr., 399-2602
David Driscoll, Killarney Dr., 598-1234

Introductions and Announcements

- Update on City Hall Park: construction slated for spring 2019, park re-opened by December 2019.
- Dave Hartnett: December 6th, City Hall Town Hall meeting regarding the future of the Memorial Auditorium.
- Bob Hooper: Accessible through Facebook and his website!
- Donna Walters, Keep the Park Green: Petition is available, also on email.
- Chris Trombly: Nominates Ryan Frank for Ward 7 steering committee. No one opposes

PlanBTV- Meagan Tuttle

- <https://planbtv-burlingtonvt.opendata.arcgis.com/pages/our-vision>
- Comprehensive plan that outlines next 10-20 years of land use policy in the city
- Takes into account previous plans across city
- Plan offers a digital map (linked above) of what areas will be conserved, what areas will be sustained, what areas will be developed
- Having public meeting/presentation at Contois Auditorium on December 5th to gather public input.
- New plan covers all the aspects that make Burlington what it is
 - Burlington as a “distinctive” city- features that give the city its character (natural setting, resources, special open spaces, historic built environment, etc)
 - Burlington as a “dynamic city”- what will change in face of climate change, how city will have to prepare for future

-Burlington as an “inclusive” city- more equitable, accessible opportunities for all of its residents. Employment, housing, etc

-Burlington as a “connected” city- understanding the city’s physical, social, economic networks

-Timeline for planBTV:

-Public hearing December 5th, 2018

-Council and Public review continues January-March 2019

-Council Public Hearing #1 – Feb 2019

-Council Public Hearing #2- March 2019

-Readopt updated plan by March 31st, 2019

Iceland Plan

-Addiction starts as a pediatric disease

-Early intervention decreases rates of addiction

-Icelandic Prevention Model

-Iceland had highest addiction rates in all of Europe

-Over 20 years, dropped to lowest adolescent substance use in Europe

-Alcohol and tobacco industries want you to believe nothing can be done about addiction rates

-Iceland’s implementation of a curfew, parent street patrols, and increased youth programming after school are credited with the changes

City Hall Park- Donna Walters, Keep the Park Green

-Began collecting signatures in September to get item on the ballot

-1900 signatures required, but 3,000 needed because 1/3 are usually invalid or unreadable

-After signatures, City Council will have to approve the item going on the ballot

-Wards 4 & 7 Resolution language read aloud

-Plan proposes cutting 28 of 58 existing trees, increasing paved cover by 1/3.

-17 say aye, 2 say nay

Elected Officials

-Monica Ivancic, School Board:

-Thank you for voting yes on BHS, planning will go on for a year and a half, break ground in spring 2020. Community engagement committee will meet tomorrow to discuss

-Budget talks are starting now

-Carol Ode, Chittenden 6-1

-Thanks to everyone for re-election

-Letter from Moody's downgraded Vermont's TripleA bond rating. Facing low growth prospects, aging population, will weigh on economic base and manifest in growing cost pressures.

-Looking to pass paid family leave- insurance program that provides Vermont families with up to 12 weeks of bonding leave when they have/adopt a baby. Employees, not employers, pay in.

-Lake Champlain clean-up will be a priority. This means reallocating or creating funding.

-Dave Hartnett, North District City Council Rep.

-Too many city resources spent on treatment, not taking care of cause of opiate addiction.

-Iceland model presentation was very interesting in terms of what it means for Burlington

-Highlight event on New Years Eve- fireworks at waterfront, bonfire, art and music, ice-skating, activities at Leddy Arena

-Moran Plant is back in the news. Price tag of removing Moran Plant has jumped significantly. Would cost millions to tear it down. Council will be presented with hybrid plan of tearing some of building now, renovating some of it, making it part of waterfront landscape.

-Ali Dieng, Ward 7 City Council Representative

-Highlight fireworks times have been changed from 6 PM to 8 PM

-New North End showed up strong to participate in local elections, thank you

-Thanks to everyone who cast their votes for Dieng as Justice of Peace

-Council Meeting on 26th was about permit reform. Burlington has complex permitting systems, but Mayor and Council are looking to reform system and simplify

-Bob Hooper, Chittenden 6-1

-Went through 3 days of training in Montpelier

-All-Earth Renewables is looking at lines from Burlington to Montpelier, looks very promising

-40 new faces in this legislative session. Slate is wiped clean, every bill from last session is gone.

-Healthcare system is good, but health insurance is messy currently. Can foresee something new coming from this legislative session regarding health insurance

-Have not read extensively on carbon tax, but there is a little bit of steam behind the idea of putting a price on carbon. Worried about economic disadvantage for low income people buying things like gasoline.